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H.B. No. 4051

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of a municipality to adopt requirements for the installation of fire protection sprinkler systems.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Sec. 1301.3565(f), Occupations Code, is amended as follows:

(f) A plumbing inspector who meets the requirements of the board may inspect a multipurpose residential fire protection sprinkler installation. A certified fire inspector for a political subdivision or state may inspect or review plans for the sprinkler portion only of a multipurpose residential fire protection sprinkler installation, repair or replacement.

SECTION 2. Section 1301.551(i), Occupations Code, is amended as follows:

(i) Notwithstanding any other provision of state law, ~~[after January 1, 2009,]~~ a municipality may ~~[not]~~ enact an ordinance, bylaw, order, building code, or rule requiring the installation of a multipurpose residential fire protection sprinkler system or any other fire sprinkler protection system in a new ~~[or existing]~~ one- or two-family dwelling. ~~[A municipality may adopt an ordinance, bylaw, order, or rule allowing a multipurpose residential fire protection sprinkler specialist or other contractor to offer, for a fee, the installation of a fire sprinkler protection system in a new one- or two-family dwelling.]~~

1           SECTION 3.   This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.